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(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Yuji Takahashi et al.

Application No.: 09/939,657

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Art Unit: 2625

For: IMAGE DATA CORRECTING DEVICE FOR
CORRECTING IMAGE DATA TO REMOVE
BACK PROJECTION WITHOUT
ELIMINATING HALFTONE IMAGE

Examiner: J. A. Thompson

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS AF Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The application has been reviewed in light of the rejection dated September 27, 2006. Claims 1-11 are pending in the application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the original claims and other claims in this and other applications.

It is respectfully noted that, although the Office Action takes the position on page 2 that the claims do not limit the determining means such that said "determining means retains the first image data without change when the first image data corresponds to the halftone image," the quoted language is directly recited in each of